

November 7, 1947

Mr. David Borst
706 Sanders Avenue
Schenectady 2, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Borst;

Enclosed is a map of the campus with the houses which we would like to serve in the beginning circled. Of course we wish to serve all of the campus houses eventually. The college contractor has said that empty conduits leading to all of these houses will be available to us after February. These conduits run beside the heating tunnels. However, an estimate was quoted to us that, if true, would mean that we could not use this method. We were told that the job would involve the full time labor of three skilled men working for one month, and that the cost for the installation of the wires alone would be roughly \$3000. No particular complications for this campus were said to exist. Could you say whether or not that estimate is fairly reasonable? Is there any point in our finding out more about this particular method of transmission, and is there any way to cut down the cost involved?

We have talked to the telephone company about the possibility of leasing lines from them for sending the signal to houses on campus. They brought up the question of our position in paying taxes. Do we have to pay taxes on the telephone lines we rent, or are we exempt from those as the regular broadcasting stations are? Is the use of telephone lines a possible method of transmission, and is it practical?

I am sorry I cannot get more information for you about this campus at this time, but we are still trying and hope to have it soon.

Sincerely,

Grace Marshall

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Northampton, Mass.

